

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Almin Karamehmedovic
President
ABC News
310 Hudson Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Mr. Karamehmedovic:

We write to inquire about the disposition of the \$15 million that your company reportedly paid to President Trump's library fund in light of the dissolution of the organization created to steward this fund.¹

On December 13, 2024, ABC News (ABC) agreed to pay \$15 million to settle a lawsuit with then-President Elect Trump.² According to the settlement agreement, this payment was to be made as a charitable contribution "to a Presidential foundation and museum to be established by or for" President Trump.³ Seven days later, on December 20, the Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund, Inc. (Fund) was incorporated in Florida by Jacob Roth,⁴ then a lawyer at the Dhillon Law Group, which represented President Trump in fighting a subpoena from a congressional Jan. 6 investigation⁵ and whose named partner, Harmeet Dhillon, is now an Assistant Attorney General in President Trump's Department of Justice.⁶ Under the settlement agreement, ABC was to transfer the \$10 million to President Trump's escrow agent within 10 days — i.e., in mid to late December.⁷

¹ OpenSecrets, "One of Trump's library funds has mysteriously dissolved, but a lack of transparency keeps the public in the dark," Dave Levinthal, October 14, 2025, <https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2025/10/one-of-trumps-library-funds-has-mysteriously-dissolved-but-a-lack-of-transparency-keeps-the-public-in-the-dark/>.

² AP News, "ABC agrees to give \$15 million to Donald Trump's presidential library to settle defamation lawsuit," Michael R. Sisak, December 14, 2024, <https://apnews.com/article/abc-trump-lawsuit-defamation-stephanopoulos-04aea8663310af39ae2a85f4c1a56d68>.

³ Settlement and Release Agreement, *Trump v. ABC, Inc.*, No. 1:24-cv-21050-CMA, p. 2 (S.D. Fla. Dec. 14, 2024), <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183.58.1.pdf>.

⁴ Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Electronic Articles of Incorporation for Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund, Inc., December 20, 2024, <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2024%5C1220%5C30437303.tif&documentNumber=N24000014743/>.

⁵ Politico, "Trump taps firm to handle his Jan 6 committee subpoena," Nicholas Wu, Meridith McGraw, and Kyle Cheney, October 10, 2022, <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/10/20/trump-taps-firm-jan-6-subpoena-00062758>.

⁶ Reuters, "Trump turns to conservative Dhillon Law Group to fill key posts," David Thomas, December 11, 2024, <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/trump-turns-conservative-dhillon-law-group-fill-key-posts-2024-12-11/>; U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, "Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Harmeet K. Dhillon," June 17, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/crt/staff-profile/assistant-attorney-general>.

⁷ Settlement and Release Agreement, *Trump v. ABC, Inc.*, No. 1:24-cv-21050-CMA, p. 2 (S.D. Fla. Dec. 14, 2024), <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183.58.1.pdf>.

Then, in February 2025, Roth filed articles of amendment, which changed the “specific purpose” of the Fund from “preserv[ing] and steward[ing] the legacy of President Donald J. Trump and his presidency”⁸ to “charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,”⁹ provided that “[u]pon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) . . . or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose,”¹⁰ and included standard 501(c)(3) language on private inurement.¹¹ These amendments were likely made to secure recognition of 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), without which the \$10 million could not be transferred out of escrow into the Fund, per the settlement agreement.¹²

Then, on May 19, a second nonprofit, the Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) was formed “to steward, preserve, and celebrate the legacy and historical record of President Donald J. Trump and his presidency” — once again in Florida but this time by a different incorporator and registered agent.¹³ It is unclear why a second nonprofit entity with substantially the same stated purpose was formed.¹⁴

On September 26, the Fund was administratively dissolved by Florida’s Department of State after the organization failed to submit a mandatory annual report.¹⁵ On December 29, Roth filed articles of dissolution for the Fund.¹⁶

In other words, the Fund is now gone, and the public has no clarity about the current location or purpose of the funds provided by ABC or any other source. Before its dissolution, the Fund may have contained as much as \$63 million in settlements from Meta, X, Paramount, and your

⁸ Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Electronic Articles of Incorporation for Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund, Inc., December 20, 2024,

<https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2024%5C1220%5C30437303.tif&documentNumber=N24000014743/>.

⁹ Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Amendment Section, Articles of Amendment for Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund, Inc., February 17, 2025,

<https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2025%5C0326%5C44722828.Tif&documentNumber=N24000014743/>.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² Settlement and Release Agreement, *Trump v. ABC, Inc.*, No. 1:24-cv-21050-CMA, p. 2 (S.D. Fla. Dec. 14, 2024), <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183.58.1.pdf>.

¹³ Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Articles of Incorporation for Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Foundation, Inc., May 19, 2025, <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2025%5C0523%5C00177827.Tif&documentNumber=N25000006299/>.

¹⁴ OpenSecrets, “One of Trump’s library funds has mysteriously dissolved, but a lack of transparency keeps the public in the dark,” Dave Levinthal, October 14, 2025, <https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2025/10/one-of-trumps-library-funds-has-mysteriously-dissolved-but-a-lack-of-transparency-keeps-the-public-in-the-dark/>.

¹⁵ Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Administrative Dissolution for Annual Report of Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund, Inc., September 26, 2025, <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/26186340-trumpresidentiallibraryfundstatus/>.

¹⁶ Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Articles of Dissolution for Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund, Inc., December 29, 2025, <https://search.sunbiz.org/Inquiry/CorporationSearch/ConvertTiffToPDF?storagePath=COR%5C2025%5C1230%5C64041991.tif&documentNumber=N24000014743/>.

company alone.¹⁷ There have been no disclosures about the Fund’s disposition of any funds,¹⁸ and the White House press office has not responded to requests for comment.¹⁹ There appears to be no individual taking responsibility for the closure of the Fund and disposition of its money: no Fund board members were ever appointed,²⁰ and the only person to sign any of its public documents, Roth, has minimized his role, stating that “[m]y job is simply to be the registrant.”²¹ Roth appears to no longer be with the Dhillon Law Group.²²

Your company paid the President \$15 million shortly before he took office, and this payment was crafted as a “Charitable Contribution” to his future library²³ — meaning that your company could have deducted this payment from its income and avoided paying taxes on it. But now it is unclear where this money has gone, exacerbating concerns about corruption that were apparent at the time of the settlement. To address our concerns about this matter, we ask that you provide answers to the following questions by March 23, 2026:

1. When did ABC make its donation to President Trump’s library fund?
 - a. If more than one date is pertinent, please provide a timeline of events.
2. What entity did ABC make its payment to?
3. When ABC made its donation to President Trump’s library fund, were you aware of the possibility that the fund could be closed and your contribution transferred to another entity?
4. Are you aware of the disposition of this contribution now that the Fund has been closed?
5. Were you provided any notice or opportunity for approval of any transfer of funds?
6. Did your company deduct its payment to President Trump’s library as a charitable contribution to avoid paying taxes on it?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

¹⁷ CBS News, “Critics of Trump’s presidential library fundraising say ‘there are no rules,’” Madeleine May, Julia Ingram, and Hannah Marr, July 16, 2025, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/trump-presidential-library-fundraising/>.

¹⁸ OpenSecrets, “One of Trump’s library funds has mysteriously dissolved, but a lack of transparency keeps the public in the dark,” Dave Levinthal, October 14, 2025, <https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2025/10/one-of-trumps-library-funds-has-mysteriously-dissolved-but-a-lack-of-transparency-keeps-the-public-in-the-dark/>.

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ Influence Watch, “Donald J. Trump Presidential Library Fund,” <https://www.influencewatch.org/organization/donald-j-trump-presidential-library-fund/>.

²¹ OpenSecrets, “One of Trump’s library funds has mysteriously dissolved, but a lack of transparency keeps the public in the dark,” Dave Levinthal, October 14, 2025, <https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2025/10/one-of-trumps-library-funds-has-mysteriously-dissolved-but-a-lack-of-transparency-keeps-the-public-in-the-dark/>.

²² Dhillon Law Group Inc., “The Dhillon Law Team,” <https://www.dhillonlaw.com/team-showcase/>.

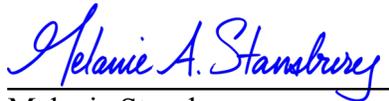
²³ Settlement and Release Agreement, *Trump v. ABC, Inc.*, No. 1:24-cv-21050-CMA, p. 2 (S.D. Fla. Dec. 14, 2024), <https://storage.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183/gov.uscourts.flsd.664183.58.1.pdf>.



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